

# SMOKE SIGNALS September 2025

### A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Tzow yubinot, Good September. Summertime has come and gone, and school is back in session. We just had our Back-to-School event in which free backpacks and school supplies were given to all the little ones. If you could not attend and are still in need of school supplies, please reach out to Brandi Kelley Ext.206. We also had the opportunity to help support Bobby Von Martin at his Art Gallery which was held at the Fresno City Hall. This event was honoring Elder's from all over and show cased a couple of our own BSR elders as well.

Big Sandy had the honor to host the California State Assembly Member David Tangipa from District 08. We took a tour of the Rancheria and attended the elders luncheon. It was an amazing day to show David Tangipa, how BSR has grown and our future plans to keep growing and prospering as a tribe.

Also, this month on September 26th is the California American Indian Day being held at the California State Capitol. Tribal Offices will be closed on that Friday. Finally, our general council meeting will be on Sunday September 28th here at the BSR GYM. As a courtesy, remember these meetings are for tribal members only no significant others or non-tribal can attend. Hope to see you all there, like always thank you for your time and energy and may you have a blessed rest of your month.

Council	Meeting	Tribal Office Holiday Schedule		
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday	
Wednesday, September 24, 2025 Wednesday, October 29, 2025 Wednesday, November 26,2025 Wednesday, December 17, 2025	Sunday, September 28, 2025 Sunday, December 14, 2025	Monday, September 1, 2025 Friday, September 26, 2025 Monday, October 13, 2025 Tuesday, November 11, 2025 Thursday, November 27, 2025 Friday, November 28, 2025 Wednesday, December 24, 2025 Thursday, December 25, 2025	Labor Day  California American Indian Day Indigenous People's Day  Veterans Day  Thanksgiving Day  Day After Thanksgiving  Christmas Eve  Christmas Day	

**REMINDER:** The newsletter is available by email, if you would like to start receiving the newsletter through email rather than mail, please contact the Tribal Office at 559.374.0066.



### Tribal Elder's Monthly Meeting



Second Thursday of the month at 12:00 pm

### NO ELDERS LUNCHEON

- Meetings are here for you to be informed about what is offered to the Tribal Elders
- Must be a Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Elder to attend There will be lunch and raffle prizes

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LEANN ANGUIANO AT 559-374-0066.



### **NEXT FOOD BANK**

Thursday, September 18, 2025

10:00am-12:00pm Big Sandy Rancheria 37387 Auberry Mission Road Auberry, CA 93602

**BSR General Store** 6:00am-10:00pm

559-825-6645

37302 Rancheria Lane Auberry, CA 93602

### September Birthdays



Jordan Adkins

Ismeralda Anguiano

**Jack Atwell** 

Samuel Atwell Jr.

**Akias Avila** 

**Austin Ballard** 

**Wadoni Barajas** 

Gabriella Barrera

Ramona Barrera

**Hazel Bates** 

**Sharon Baty** 

**Johnny Baty** 

**Ashleigh Beecher** 

**Paul Beecher** 

**Ruthie Beecher** 

**Rochelle Beecher** 

**Alice Bethel** 

**Stephen Cape** 

**Charles Carpenter** 

Khloe Cowles

**Zoey Cowles** 

Ceyuni Dick

**Emory Espinoza** 

**Deshba Flores** 

**Kate Goossens** 

Jacquelynn Guevara-Phelan

Maria Haanen

**Jason Harrison** 

**Axel Henderson** 

Penelope Jackson

Johnny Jackson

Lenora Johnson

Kristen Kipp

Sydney Kipp

Phillip Marquez

**Angelo Martinez** 

**Gerald Marvin** 

**Eric Mills** 

**Matthew Munoz** 

**Danielle Oliver** 

**Zandrian Reid** 

Colton Richards

**Fabian Riley** 

Mikayla Rodriguez

**Wyatt Sample** 

**Brian Sample** 

Farrah Sewell

Layla Sewell

Sharon Sewell

**Mary Jane Telles** 

Joseph Valles

Ruben Walker Jr.

Liylah Walker

Tracy Williams -Hughey

Heidi Wilson

### **Big Sandy Rancheria Elders**

### **Hello Elders**

Hope you all are doing well. On August 18, 2025, I took elders to lunch and a movie. We ate at Olive Garden and watched the Superman Movie. We had 8 elders attend.

On September 12-14th I have 30 elders attending our annual Acorn Festival. Sign ups were done at our monthly elders' luncheon. We are filled up so there are no more sign ups. So sorry!

Last year at our October monthly elder meeting, the elders voted to make a rule if you attend an elder event you will be required to stay for the whole event. Meaning that if we have an over night trip and you sign up you will have to stay the whole time. We had elders come just for the per diem and leave the same day. The Elders decided that wasn't right! So, just a reminder if you sign up for an over night trip, make sure you schedule to stay for the whole time.

October 6th is Seniors Day at the Big Fresno Fair. I will be taking elders to the fair. Sign up with Leann Anguiano 559-917-1674

Our September Elders luncheon will be cancelled due to our elders trip being so close to our annual Black Oak trip. Our next elders meeting is on October 9th at 12pm at the BSR Gym. If you have any questions please contact your elders liaison Leann or Matt.

### **Elders Corner**

The elders had a special guest join them for lunch.
Assembly Member David Tangipa District 08.



Loretta Sylvas, Jane Stamp, Tamara Riley, Jeannie Valles, Antone Riley, Liz Hutchins, David Tangipa, Matt Munoz. Connie Lewis, Theresa Williams-Lundy, Gina Mangiarelli, Aleda Cogdell, Regina Rhoan, Miles Baty. Chris Rodriguez, Joel Marvin, Mae Berry, Leann Anguiano.

### **Elders Movie Day**



Jane Stamp



Jane Stamp, Tamara Riley, Jeannie Valles, Gina Mangiarelli, Steve Cape, Mae Berry, Aleda Cogdell



Jane Stamp, Jeannie Valles, Mae Berry

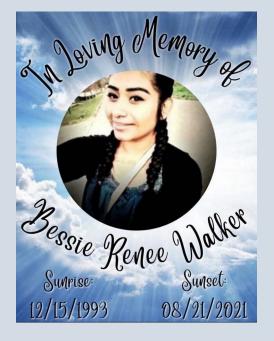


Gina Mangiarelli, Aleda Cogdell, Steve Cape, Jude Berry, Mae Berry

### **Bessie Walker Vigil**

Thank you to everyone who supported the planning, facilitation and attending the 2025 Bessie Walker Vigil. Continued prayers for the Walker family and to Rayetta and Autumn and all the sisters. Big THANK YOU to the Big Sandy Rancheria and their team for making everything happen, it was a beautiful event. Gratitude to Kieth Turner for keeping us safe and protected with his prayers while we spoke, sang, danced for justice, safety, and change.













## BSR ECE DEPARTMENT

Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Early Childhood Education Department

We are still accepting applications for Head Start and Early Head Start for the 2025–2026 school year!

Children who will be 3 years old by September 1st or are 4 years old are eligible for Head Start.

Early Head Start is currently accepting applications for infants and toddlers.

Pregnant women are also eligible to receive supportive services and resources.

Please contact HS at 559 374 0066 ext. 216 or EHS at Ext. 214 if you have any additional questions.



### Special Day

### Reminders

1st Day of ECE Programs

September 2nd, 2025

Community Food Bank

September 18th, 2025

Centers Closed: ECE
Staff Development

Day

September 19th, 2025

**Centers Closed:** 

California American

**Indian Day** 

September 26th, 2025

### **BSR Environmental Department September 2025**

### Recycled Tires and The Benefits it has on Ground and Surface Water



Tires and rim assemblies cause concerns that include West Niles virus from standing water in the tires and dangers of the tires being set on fire. Some Studies show tire rubber can cause elevated levels of zinc in plants and groundwater. Tires that are dumped in waterways can disrupt the flow of the stream or creek which can cause contamination and flooding. Leaching affects the soil around the old tire, which at first may not seem like a big problem. But if the tires is eventually moved, the soil will still have the toxins. Another major concern is groundwater. If toxins get into any water in the soil, the water can transport them to other locations, potentially harm to any animals that come in contact with the poisoned water.

### **Ways to Reduce Carbon Footprints**

- Reduce meat in your diet and avoid wasting food.
- Walk, bike, carpool, use mass transit, or drive a best-in-class vehicle.
- Make sure your car's tires are properly inflated, fuel efficiency decreases by 0.3% for each 1 PSI decrease.21
- If you have a dishwasher, use it! Hand washing uses more energy and water than a machine dishwasher.22
- Unplug electronic devices when not in use, or plug them into a power strip and turn the power strip off.23
- Choose energy-efficient lighting and transition away from using incandescent light bulbs.24
- Reduce what you send to a landfill by recycling, composting, and buying products with minimal packaging.

### **Composting 101**

Is a natural process of decomposing organic matter like yard waste and food scraps into a nutrient-rich soil called compost. Compost Enriches the soil improves water retention and Circulation within the soil, making it healthier for plants. This is a natural fertilizer for plant growth. Composting at home allows us to divert some of that waste from landfills and turn it into something practical for our yards

### \*Recycling Tip of the Month\*

Did you know Ace Hardware in Prather is a drop off location for used Motor Oil and old Batteries? Simply take your used Motor Oil and old Batteries and drop it off in the back of the store. If you have any questions or need assistance in recycling please contact Ace Hardware (559) 855-8348.



For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 200\*lbeecher@bsrnation.com



### **Social Services Department**

Calendar of Events for Community Resource Center and Beyond for September 2025 - BSR operates the Community Resource Center in Auberry in partnership with the Fresno American Indian Health Project. Below are the scheduled upcoming events. For more registration information about any of the events, email ssbsr1@bsrnation.com or sscoord@basrnation.com

We are pleased to announced that FAIHP will continue their produce box giveaway at the Auberry Community Resource Center on Fridays once a month, Starting September 5th through December 12, 2025

Date	Time	Event	Location	
9-2	1:00-3:00 pm	Sacred Circle and Medicine Wheel	Auberry Community Resource Center	
9-5	1:00-4:00 pm	One on One Substance abuse Counseling Disorder Counseling available (by appointment only)	Auberry Community Resource Center	
9-5	5:30-7:30 pm	Healing Roots: Native American Suicide Awareness Gathering	Auberry Community Resource Center	
9-16	1:00-3:00 pm	Sacred Circle and Medicine Wheel	Auberry Community Resource Center	
9-17	9:00-3:00 pm	DSS eligibility for services (CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Cash Aid, etc.)	Auberry Community Resource Center	
9-18	10:00-12:00 pm	Big Sandy Food Bank	Big Sandy Rancheria	
9-19	1:00-4:00 pm	One on One Substance abuse Counseling Disorder Counseling available (by appointment only)	Auberry Community Resource Center	
9-25	5:30-7:00 pm	Every Child Matters Event	Big Sandy Rancheria	
9-30	5:30-7:00 pm	Every Child Matters Event in conjunction with North Fork Rancheria	Fresno City College	



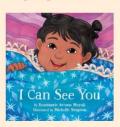
#### FRESNO FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM







### BSR Early Head Start Storytime & Language Experience



Join us for Storytime & Language Experience w/ BSR EHS Class

### **SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

Time: 11:00am Location: BSR EHS Classroom



For more information contact: Jocelyn Saavedra at 559-226-2880 or jsaavedra@ovcdc.com

#### FRESNO FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

### BSR HEAD START STORYTIME & LANGUAGE FXPERIENCE



SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 TIME: II:30 AM LOCATION: BSR HEAD START CLASSROOM



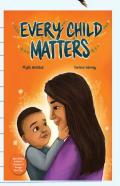


For More Information contact: Jocelyn Saavedra at 559-226-2880 or jsaavedra@ovcdc.com

### Fresno County Family Literacy Program

### Presents





September 11,2025

September 25, 2025

### www.bigsandyrancheria.com





OurTribal Early Childhood Education Program offers outstanding facilities aimed at fostering the growth and development of your young children. We currently serve families with children 0-5.



PLAY-BAS ACTIVIES

2 EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

PROFESSIONAL STAFF





Location: BSR 64m

Join us for a Book Read and Language Experience

Activity with BSR youth Program and Community



For more information contact parent Educators Jocelyn Saavedra jsaavedra@ovcdc.com or Juliana Velasquez jvelasquez@ovcdc.com PH# (559) 226-2880



559–374–0066 EXT. 216

Scan QR Code to acces





Come Join **BSR CAP** DEPARTMENT Learn about patience &

self-control

Paint by Number Native American Painting

6:00pm-8:00pm



For more information contact Aurelia Rios bsrcap3@bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 x207 37387 Auberry Mission Rd



Come Join us at the **BSR GYM For a Gods Eye Making** Class

Tuesday's 6:00-8:00 PM

**Educational Topic** 9-9,

> will be 9-16,

9-23. Generational

> 9-30 Trauma

37387 Auberry Mission RD, Auberry, CA 93602



For more information please contact Valery Burt @(559)374-0066 bsrcap2@bsrnation.com

BSR GYM FAMILY FITNESS WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER





**BIG SANDY RANCHERIA** CAP DEPARTMENT **CULTURAL VALUES** 

SOME JOIN US EVER THURSDAY IN KETIE BLAN

If you have any questions please contaact Michelle Perez (559) 374-0066 or bsrcap4@bsrnation.com



## Save the Date

## Healing Roots

A Native American Suicide Awareness Gathering



**Planting Station** 



Herbal Bath Salts for Stress Relief



Affirmation/Memorial Rock Painting



Resource Kits



Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 5:30-7:30 PM Auberry Community Resource Center 33041 Auberry Rd. Auberry, CA 93651





Questions: Contact Alisa at (559)320-0490 Ext 605



### **FAMILY SPIRIT**

Home Visiting Program



### What is Family Spirit?

The Family Spirit Program is an evidence-based and culturally tailored home visiting intervention delivered by community-based Health Educators as an Indigenous solution to supporting caregivers during pregnancy and early childhood. Caregivers gain knowledge and skills to achieve optimum development for their children.

### PIC COMPIL

Big Sandy Rancheria

**Health Educators** 

Stephanie Casillas SScord@bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 ext 242

> Jazmine Garcia SSbsr1@bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 ext 215

#### Who can enroll?

Native American Pregnant women, expecting fathers, grandparents, and other caregivers of Native American children ages 0-5.

### How can I sign Up?

Call or stop by the Big Sandy Rancheria Social Services Department. Or complete our online interest form, and we will contact you directly.



family

The Big Sandy Rancheria and the Auberry community



### Mattress Drop off event



Big Sandy Rancheria and the Mattress Recycling Council are working together to provide free recycling services of old mattresses and box springs for the community. We are offering a drop-off day that local residents can come and drop off their mattress and/or box spring.



Saturday, September 20<sup>th,</sup> from 10 am-12 pm.

LOCATION- Community Resource Center in Auberry. 33041 Auberry Road Auberry, CA 93602

For Question: Contact Rebecca Riley @ 559 374-0046

ONLY ACCEPTING
MATTRESSES AND
BOX SPRINGS!
YOU WILL NOT BE
ALLOWED TO
DROP OFF ANY
OTHER ITEMS.

### AUBERRY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER



### Outreach Pop Up Events

Fresno County Department of Social Services Outreach staff and Big Sandy Rancheria Social Services staff will be onsite to provide assistance with NEW and EXISTING applications for assistance programs.



#### **Programs**

Medi-Cal CalFresh Cash Aid



#### **Dates**

July 16 August 20 September 17 October 15 November 19



Time: 9AM-3PM

Walk-In's Available

For More Information Contact: Jazmine Garcia BSR Case Manager 559-787-4116

Auberry Community Resource Center 33041 Auberry Rd., Auberry, CA



### bye bye mattress



BIG SANDY RANCHERIA

## MATTRESS COLLECTION FOR BSR RESIDENCE

Big Sandy Rancheria and the Mattress Recycling Council are working together to provide free recycling services of old mattresses and box springs for the BSR residences.

September 24th, 2025

8:30am-4:30pm

To disgard your used mattress or box spring:

- Drop off at the BSR transfer station
- · Leave next to your bins on collection day
- Contact the Environmental Department if you need any assistance.

For any questions, please contact Rebecca Riley @ (559) 374-0046

Mattress Recycling Council®
Stacking Up Success Since 2015

### BIG SANDY RANCHERIA



## Youth Advisory Council

Join the BSR CAP and Environmental
Department as youth leaders in your
community. Participate in key prevention
and environmental issues. Meetings are
held on the last Friday of every month
at the BSR Computer Lab building. Ages
14-18 welcome.

September Date: 9/25/25 @4pm.





For questions, please contact: Rebecca Riley or Brandi Kelley @ (559) 374-0066 ext. 240 or 206

# EVERY CHILD MATTERS ORANGE SHIRT DAY



SHIRTS WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS ALONG WITH DINNER AND ACTIVITY LOCATION 37387 AUBERRY MISSION.RD AUBERRY CA

SEPTEMER 25TH 5:00-7:00PM AT THE BSR GYM

Made with PosterMyWall.cortall cap department for more info: 559-374-006

## BIG SANDY RANGHERIA 13TH ANNUAL COLF TOURNAMENT

Registration-8:30 AM Shotgun- 10 AM

\$150 per player; green fees, cart, range, tee prizes and food.

Contests; Team Places, Long Drive, Closest-to-the-pin, Hole-in-one

Supporting Native Youth Programs/Scholarships and Community Enhancements

Dragon Fly Golf Club 43369 Avenue 12 Madera, California 93636

Platinum Sponsor \$5,000

Two Foursomes (8 golfers) Two Tee Box Signs Special Gift & Recognition

Silver Sponsor \$1,500

One Foursome (4 golfers)
One Tee Box Sign
Special Recognition

Gold Sponsor \$2,500

One Foursome (4 golfers)
One Tee Box Sign
Special Gift & Recognition

Tee Box Sponsor \$150

One Tee Box Sign Special Recognition

### Send Pre-Registration to:

Big Sandy Rancheria PO Box 337 Auberry, CA 93602

559-374-0066

Liz Hutchins-Chairman@bsrnation.com Matthew Munoz-Mmunoz@bsrnation.com



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025



## SEPTEMBER 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	1 LABOR DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	2 ALL CAP PROGRAMS CLOSED	3 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	4 Tie Blanket Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT CAP PROGRAMS CLOSED Produce Box Giveaway 1:00pm-3:00pm Healing Roots 5:30pm-7:30pm	6
7	8 Native American Paint by Numbers 6:00pm-8:00pm	9 Family Literacy Book Read EHS—11:00am HS—11:30am Gods Eye Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	10 TULE RIVER DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12:00PM Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	11 Family Literacy 11:00am ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00PM Tie Blanket Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	ALL CAP PROGRAMS CLOSED	13
14	15 Native American Paint by Numbers 6:00pm-8:00pm	Gods Eye Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	17 Pop up Event 9:00am-3:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	18 FOOD BANK 10:00AM- 12:00PM Tie Blanket Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	19 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	20 Bye Bye Mattress Recycling 10:00am-12:00pm
21	22 Native American Paint by Numbers 6:00pm-8:00pm	23 Gods Eye Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	24 Bye Bye Mattress Recycling 8:30pm-4:30pm TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00am Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	25 ALL CAP PROGRAMS CLOSED ORANGE SHIRT DAY 5:00pm-7:00pm	26 CALIFORNIA AMERICAN INDIAN DAY  ALL OFFICES CLOSES	27
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00AM	29 Native American Paint by Numbers 6:00pm-8:00pm	30 Gods Eye Making 6:00pm-8:00pm				



## OCTOBER 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY ALL CAP PROGRAMS CLOSED Produce Box Giveaway 1:00-3:00pm	4
5	6 6:00pm-8:00pm	7 6:00pm-8:00pm	8 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	9 ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00PM 6:00pm-8:00pm	10 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	11
12	INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY  ALL OFFICES CLOSED	14 6:00pm-8:00pm	NO CAP PROGRAM BSR 13TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Pop up Event 9:00am-3:00pm	16 FOOD BANK 10:00AM-12:00PM 6:00pm-8:00pm	17 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	18
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26	27 6:00pm-8:00pm	28 6:00pm-8:00pm	29 Mattress Recycling 8:30-5:30pm TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00AM	30 6:00pm-8:00pm		

### **Big Sandy Rancheria Transportation Services**



### \*\*Transportation is for Elders only until further notice\*\* We apologize for the inconvenience.

BSR CAP Department: Brandi Kelley @ (559)374-0066 ext. 206 You can also stop by the gym in the CAP OFFICE

Your appointment must be made and verified with the cap department *before* your spot CAN BE RESERVED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS ONLY WITH Brandi Kelley 24 hours prior for local transports and 1 week in advance for Fresno TRANSPORTS.

The transporter will wait 15 minutes after your scheduled departure. If you do not arrive on time, your appointment will be canceled and can be rescheduled with Brandi Kelley only. There are new rules for the transportation services, please call the transporter for a copy of revised rules. Transportation services are for Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Members.

The transporter cannot transport kids to school that have missed the bus. All CVIH appointments are to be scheduled with CVIH transporter. If the CVIH transporter is unable to transport you, they will need to reschedule your appointment. This applies to all medical, dental, nutrition & referral appointments.



### Big Sandy Rancheria

37387 Auberry Mission Rd P.O. Box 337 Auberry, CA 93602

